

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 35-36-8
(date entered 5-4-80)

1. Name: Garfield House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 35/36/8 Somerset H.D. 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21
D-14

4. Address: 5810 Warwick Place, Chevy Chase

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCCP</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>private residence</u>		

6. Date: 1901

7. Original Owner: Edward Halliday

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by two bay, two-and-a-half story frame house faces east on Warwick Place. The house has narrow white clapboarding. The east porch wraps around to the south elevation. Seven square wooden posts with simple capitals support the shed roof. The west porch has a shed roof supported by three wooden posts. It has a balustraded railing and screen. Two-over-two double-hung windows are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. The house has a hipped roof with gable peaks visible on the east and west elevations and covered by black asbestos shingles.

10. Significance: The Garfield House in Somerset Heights is one of Montgomery County's earliest standardized suburban houses. The five original developers of Somerset Heights had agreed to build five houses, and those were large frame Victorians, built in 1893-1894. After a brief lag in construction activity, speculators became interested in Somerset Heights. In 1899 and 1900 Edward Halliday bought 24 unimproved lots in the subdivision, including two lots on Warwick Place. These two lots were further subdivided for three houses. With minor differences, Halliday's Warwick Place houses were of the same plan. Smaller than the previous houses in the community, their identical appearances led to the feeling by some of the older residents that the area had been cheapened. Halliday sold 5810 Warwick Place to Robert E. Lowe of West Virginia in 1901. Lowe sold it in 1904, and it passed through eight more owners before being bought by the present owners in 1941.

1. Researcher and date researched: Donald M. Leavitt-8/79

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 9,717 sq. ft.

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M: 35/36/8
Somerset H.D.
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Garfield House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 5810 Warwick Place

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Frank R. Garfield

Telephone #: 0L2-5888

STREET & NUMBER

5810 Warwick Place

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20015

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 831

Folio #: 227

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay by two bay, two-and-a-half story frame house faces east on Warwick Place.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has narrow white wooden clapboarding. The east (front) porch wraps around to the south elevation. Seven square wooden posts with simple capitals support the shed roof. There is a railing with square wooden balusters. The east (front) door is composed of a single glass panel above six wooden panels. The west porch is square and has a shed roof supported by three posts. It has a balustraded railing and screen. The west door has six glass panels and two wooden panels.

The two over two double hung windows are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. On the west elevation, at the second story, there is a bay with splayed sides. On the south elevation there is a two story bay window with splayed sides.

The house has a hipped roof with gable peaks visible on the east and west elevations. The roof is covered by black asbestos shingles. There is an interior stove chimney.

The house sits close to the road and has a landscaped southwest yard.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Richard & William Ough

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Garfield house in Somerset Heights is one of Montgomery County's earliest standardized suburban houses.

In 1711 over 3,000 acres of southwest Montgomery County were granted to Colonel Thomas Addison and James Stoddart. They named their tract "Friendship". This area of rolling countryside remained quiet farms and woods until the end of the 19th century. Washington had undergone a population explosion since the Civil War, resulting in an overcrowded housing market and little land left for new development. Middle class families began searching for housing away from the dirt and noise of the inner city. As transportation to and from the countryside improved, government clerks and businessmen could live away from their jobs.

In 1890 five employees of the Department of Agriculture invested their money in 50 acres of "Friendship".¹ This land was just over the District line and a trolley line was being constructed to Rockville along one side of the tract, providing a quick link with the city. A promotional brochure described the land as lying "in the center of that beautiful ridge running from Washington to Bethesda and sloping to the Potomac River on the west and Rock Creek on the east. It is 400 feet above tidewater; absolutely free from malarial influence, and is located in the healthiest suburb of Washington."

To avoid the crowded development found in parts of Washington, the deed had three conditions: 1) 150' along the northern boundary would remain undeveloped, 2) buildings were to be set 30' back from the front property line; and 3) five private residences costing not less than \$2,000 had to be built within one year of the completion of the trolley system.

A grid pattern was laid out in "Somerset Heights", with the streets named after counties in England.

The large frame Victorian houses of the original five investors were built in 1893 and 94. After a brief lag in construction activity, speculators became interested in Somerset Heights. In 1899 and 1900 Edward Halliday bought 24 unimproved lots in the subdivision, including two lots on Warwick Place. These two lots were further subdivided for three houses. With minor differences, Halliday's Warwick Place houses were of the same plan. Each was two-and-a-half stories high with a front facing gable roof and a porch that wrapped around to a two story extended bay on the south side. These houses were smaller than the previous houses built in the community, and some of the older residents felt that their identical appearances cheapened the area. In October of 1901 Halliday sold 5810 Warwick Place, the middle of the three houses, to Robert E. Lowe of West Virginia.²

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachment Sheet A

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9,717 Square Feet**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Located on the west side of Warwick Place, approximately a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Wisconsin Avenue.

Part of lots 9 and 11, block 3, "Somerset Heights" (as per Plat 1/30)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donald M Leavitt

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

August 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Garfield House

Although the Somerset Heights promotional brochure claimed that in the development "all of the advantages of a country home and city markets are secured", the early residents suffered some hardships. Sewage systems were primitive, and there was no electricity. Water was supplied by the Somerset Heights Water and Power Company from several deep wells which pumped it up to a large storage tank, then to flow by gravity into the homes; the shallowly laid pipes froze in the winter. The nearest fire house was half an hour away by trolley, and Washington and Rockville had the nearest public schools. Farm animals roamed freely through the streets and yards. Because streets were unpaved, and rain and sewage runoff quickly turned them into quagmires, wooden sidewalks were built.

Despite these drawbacks, by 1905 there were 35 families in the development. In 1906 a mayor and council were elected and Somerset Heights officially became the Town of Somerset.

Over the next few decades electricity, water, and sewage systems were hooked into the town, door-to-door postal service was initiated, and streets were paved. Somerset remained a quiet suburban town surrounded by fields and woods until the end of World War II. At that time land near the District was in high demand and new housing tracts sprang up on Somerset's undeveloped land.

This house passed through seven different owners after the Lowes sold it to Edward G. Titus in 1904.³ It was bought by the present owners in 1941.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 19/489 (6/12/1890).
2. Ibid., TD 19/309 (10/31/1901).
3. Ibid., 180/176 (1904); 190/144 (1906); 216/404 (1910); 290/56 (1920); 320/229 (1922); 408/53 (1926); 658/310 (1937).

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Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

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Account Identifier: District - 07 Account Number - 00536194

Owner Information

Owner Name: SORENSON, ARNE M & R M **Use:** RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 5810 WARWICK PL
 CHEVY CHASE MD 20815 **Deed Reference:** 1) / 8569/ 393
 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address 5810 WARWICK PL
 CHEVY CHASE 20815 **Zoning** R60 **Legal Description** PT LT SOMERSET HEIGH
 TS

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
HN31				44		3	P9	80	Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas			Town	SOMERSET					
			Ad Valorem						
			Tax Class	09					
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area		Property Land Area			County Use	
1899			3,069 SF		9,717.00 SF			111	
Stories		Basement		Type				Exterior	
2		YES		STANDARD UNIT				FRAME	

Value Information

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		As Of	As Of	As Of
		01/01/2001	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
Land:	165,710	288,710		
Improvements:	629,180	563,860		
Total:	794,890	852,570	833,342	852,570
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: **Date:** 11/17/1988 **Price:** \$418,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH **Deed1:** / 8569/ 393 **Deed2:**
Seller: **Date:** **Price:**
Type: **Deed1:** **Deed2:**
Seller: **Date:** **Price:**
Type: **Deed1:** **Deed2:**

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

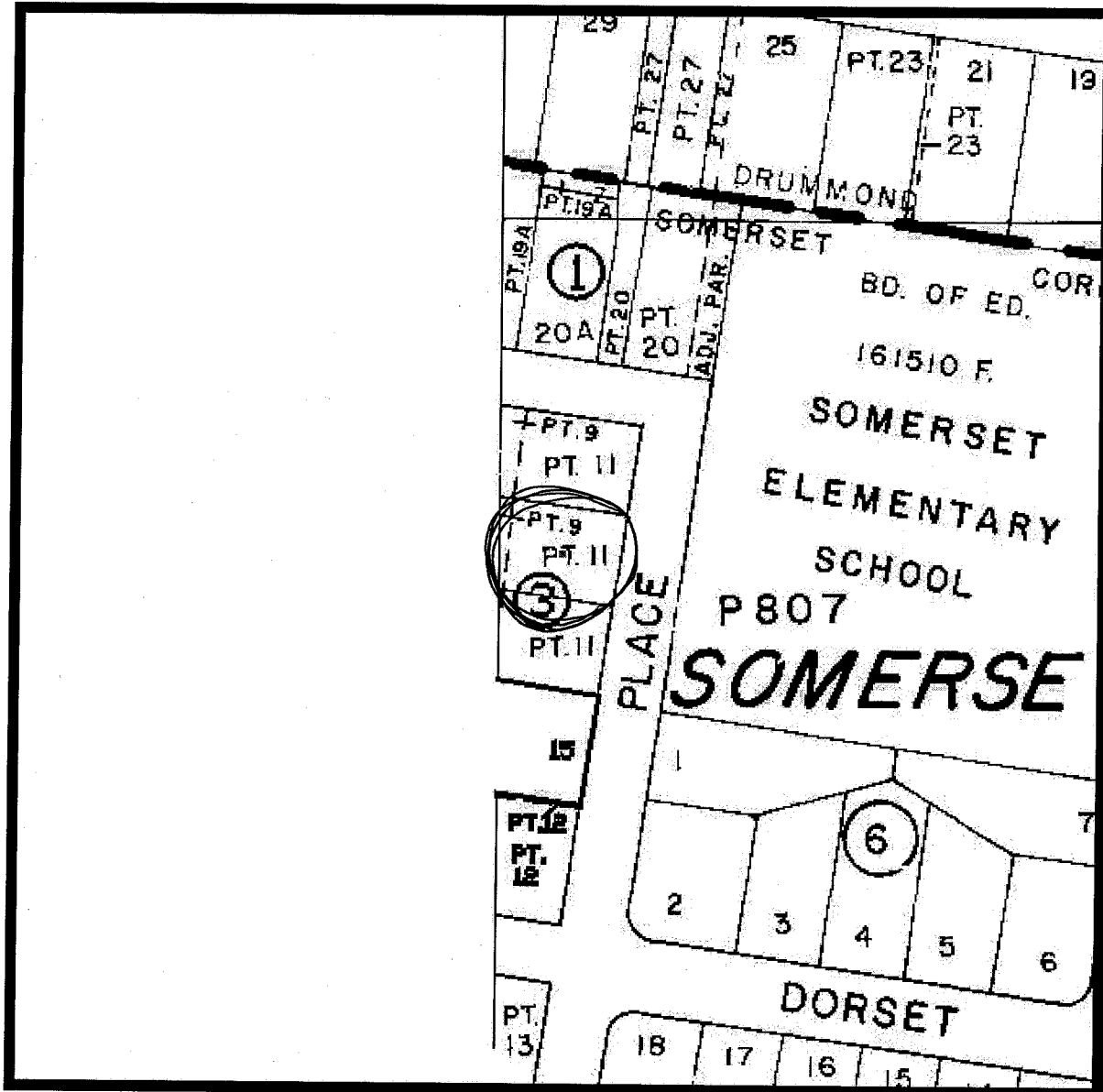
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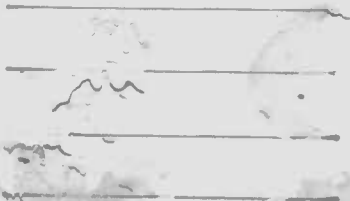
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